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The Pullambadi scheme.

11-30 a.m. * 111 *Q.*—Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) with reference to the reply given to a supplementary question to question No. 40, dated 5th July 1952, whether the Government have reconsidered the question of taking up the Pullambadi scheme ; and

(*b*) if so, what their decision is?

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The Government, after careful consideration, have deferred the scheme in view of the uncertainty of supplies available in the Cauvery for utilization under the scheme."

Money-lending shops in the City.

* 112 *Q.*—Sri P. JEEVANANDAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state the number of money-lending business shops owned by Marwaris and Gujarathis in the City of Madras?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" There is at present no law in force in this State to regulate and control the business of money-lenders in general by any system of licence. There is, however, a proposal under the consideration of the Government to regulate and control it. The number of money-lending business shops in the City of Madras is 483."

Sri P. JEEVANANDAM :—" சாதாரணமாக பாங்குகளில் விதிக்கப்படுகிற வட்டியைவிட மார்வாடி கடைக்காரர்கள் குறைவான வட்டிக்கு எழுதி வாங்கிக்கொண்டு அதிக வட்டி வாங்குவது கனம் மந்திரி அவர்களுக்குத் தெரியுமா ? தெரிந்தால் அதற்கு அரசாங்கம் என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப் போகிருர்கள் ? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Not only that. I know so many things about money-lending which are taking place in the City."

Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" On a point of order, Sir. The hon. Member who puts the original question should be given the first opportunity to put supplementary questions."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" I know my duty and it is not for the hon. Member to say what I should do and what I should not."

Coupe cutting in South Arcot district forests.

* 113 *Q.*—Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN (on behalf of Sri K. Aranganathan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the income derived by allowing coupe cutting in South Arcot district forests for the year 1952–53?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The income derived by allowing coupe cutting in South Arcot district forests for the year 1952–53 is Rs. 10,394."

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SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" May I know the steps taken by the Government to convert them again into forests? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Government have taken up a programme of planting 150 acres in each of the ranges in this State."

Constitution of Prohibition Committees.

* 114 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the present district and taluk prohibition committees in the State were constituted and what is their duration; and

(*b*) what is the criterion, and who is the authority, for selecting the non-official personnel to these committees?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM :—" (*a*) There is no specific date on which such committees were formed; but they were formed between 1947 and 1949. No term of office has been fixed for these committees.

" (*b*) All M.L.As. and M.L.Cs. in the district are, as a rule, nominated. As regards others, the Revenue Divisional Officers nominate members to the taluk committees and Collectors to the district committees. No hard-and-fast rule has been prescribed for nomination but generally members of the non-official public who are prepared to assist the enforcement staff in giving advice and assistance, are selected."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" Sir, I find that all non-official personnel of the committees belong to the Congress party which has got only party interests and not social interests in mind. Will the Government reconstitute these committees by taking persons who are locally influential and socially conscious? "

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM :— " There is no objection to it."

SRI T. ANANTA PAI :—" In view of the fact that very few of the recommendations of these committees are acted upon, may I request the Government to reconsider the question of abolishing them? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" It is a request to the Government."

SRI K. T. RAJU :—" சேலம் ஜில்லாவில் மதுவிலக்கு கமிட்டியில் இருக்கும் ஒரு எம்.எல்.ஏ. குடித்து விட்டு போலீஸ்காரர்களால் கைது செய்யப்பட்டு ஜாமீனில் விடுவிக்கப்பட்டது கனம் மந்திரிக்குத் தெரியுமா ? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" That has nothing to do with this **question.** இந்தக்கேள்விக்கும் சபைமுன் இருக்கும் கேள்விக்கும் என்ன சம்பந்தம் இருக்கிறது ? "

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Is the Hon. Minister for Prohibition aware of the fact that the recommendations made by the respective prohibition committees both at district headquarters and